

Howard County Local Children's Board

6/17/14

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Board Members: Carol Beatty, Pam Grady, Tim Madden, Collin Sullivan, Karen Butler, Dawn Duigan, Brian Daugherty, William McMahon

Guest/Staff: Keri Hyde, Director; Marsha Dawson, LCB Coordinator; Sucora Best, Program Monitor; Meg Mekelburg, Outreach Specialist; Kris Hathaway, Fiscal Officer; Laura Wetherald for John Byrd; Kenyatta Sully for Donna Wells

Meeting called to order at 8:40. Welcome and introductions were made; Kris Hathaway introduced himself and gave a brief explanation of his role as it relates to the board. Kris said he plans to attend some board meetings as a function of the oversight monitoring of the program monitor; he will not attend every meeting.

May 20, 2014 minutes were reviewed but not approved due to lack of quorum

RFP Workgroup

Sucora Best distributed a summary sheet of currently funded programs through FY14. The summary details the location, primary focus, target population/number served, and accomplishments. She explained that some of the numbers served are over the course of the program year. Of the 10 programs that are currently funded, 9 have submitted an application for FY15.

Marsha Dawson distributed a summary chart of current applications for FY15; there are a total of twenty programs seeking funding. The chart details program description, target population, priority, and requested funded amount. Bear Trax is seeking to expand their program to include a defensive driving training program. Alpha Achievers would like to expand services to include middle school youth and students with 2.5 GPA.

New applicants include Afterschool Enrichment Program, Delta Scholars, Big Brother Big Sisters, A-OK Mentoring and Tutoring, CA and A-OK: Supporting Children and Families, Helping Our People Empowerment (H.O.P.E), Howard County Autism Society (HCAS), Strengthening Families Program (SFP), Character Matters!-Pearl Foundation, and Youth Empowerment Program – Center for Therapeutic Concepts. (See attached for details).

Timeline discussed for grant review. The review team consists of Tim Madden, Donna Wells, Karen Butler, Pam Grady, Dawn Duigan, Rita Daugherty, and Louis Valenti; Laura volunteered John Byrd as an alternate. The proposal review meeting will take place on Thursday, June 26th, 1:00-3:00 at 3300 North Ridge Rd. #360. Marsha will send out a doodle poll for program approval meeting.

Discussion held about what constitutes a true quorum since there are members that have missed three consecutive meetings. Marsha will draft an inquiry letter to determine their interest and availability.

Marsha distributed a draft grant evaluation form to obtain input. Board members did not recommend any changes or offer input.

Board Member Updates

Collin Sullivan reported Voices for Change (V4C) will be meeting with Widmeyer in preparation for a commercial and social media blast regarding bullying. Collin also discussed various activities happening at LRHS.

Laura Wetherald reported on the variety of over 1000 summer camps offered by Rec/Parks including therapeutic programs. They will go beyond ADA requirements with their inclusion initiative. Rec/Parks will make special accommodations to include the participation of all children. They have incorporated camp standards; over 500 will be trained and the focus this year is lost children.

The summer concert series will begin June 25th; July 4th event in partnership with the fire department will happen; Traveling Bands begin on June 27th.

Brian Daugherty reported that he will be participating in NAMI training: In Our Own Voice, at the end of the month. The training will prepare him to speak at different functions regarding mental health issues.

Carol Beatty informed that the ARC and Columbia Arts Festival will feature Sprouts film about people with intellectual disabilities. 125 tickets are available on the Festival of Arts website.

Next Meeting

TBA – Marsha will send doodle poll

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 9:40.